THE CHILDREN.

Wires the lessons and tasks are all ended, And the school for the day is dismissed, the little ones gather around me To bid me "Good-night" and be kissed; Oh, the little arms that encircle.

My reck in their tender embrace;
Oh, the smiles that are halos of Heaven, Shedding sunshine of love on my face.

And when they are gone I all dreaming Of my childbood-too lonely to host Of joy that my heart will remember While it wakes to the pulse of the past Bre the world and its wickedness made A partner of sorrow and sin, When the glory of God was about me, And the giery of gladness within,

I ask not a life for the dear ones, All-radiant, as others have done, But that life may have just enough shadov To temper the glare of the sun; I would pray God to guard them from evil, But my prayer would bound back to myself; Ab! a scraph may pray for a sinner,

But a sinner must pray for himself. I shall leave the old house in the Autumn, To traverse its threshold no more; Ah! how I shall sigh for the dear ones That meet me each morn at the door; I shall miss the "Good-nights," and the kisses, And the gush of their innocent glee.

AGRICULTURAL.

The group on the green, and the flowers That are brought every morning for me,

it a better treatment than it usually re- thresh it as fast as hauled in, for where ceives from the generality of cultivators. allowed to lie in a close mow of any con- er of gold, says that everybody quotes it. So easily is it raised, or under such ad-siderable size it gathers dampness rapverse circumstances will it grow, that idly. If inconvenient to thresh at once, it has been denominated the "lazy man's it may be put away on open loose scafcrop." It is very often grown where no folds, and when frozen it will shell readother crop will grow, with the soil very ily. In loading and unloading care imperfectly prepared; thus favoring should be used to handle carefully to slack husbandry, and still giving a remutation waste as little as possible. - William H. nerative crop. In some instances this crop | White, in Country Gentleman. has been successively grown till the soil refused to yield a return, being exhausted, or, as generally termed, worn out. There is no other crop produced, with crossing the streets. which I am acquainted, wherewith the soil can be more effectually skinned times pave the way to fortune and prethan this; on this account, as well as ferment. The following sketch illussome others, it is thought unfavorably trates this fact. A sailor, roughly garb- artlessly inquired, "Who took care of of as a grain crop by many good farm- ed, was sauntering through the streets the babies?" ers. Some claim that it poisons the land of New Orleans, then in rather a damp for certain other crops, especially corn, condition from recent rain and rise of said a great man in his last moments. wheat. The succession is certainly a frequented and narrow alley, he observe thought to live on." bad one, and not to be recommended; ed a young lady standing in perplexity, but when followed by potatoes, I have apparently measuring the depth of the found the ground prepared to yield a muddy water between her and the opvery fair crop. A farther objection is, posite sidewalk with no very satisfied that the seed is apt to remain in the countenance. The sallor paused, for he ground a year or two, and make its ap- was a great admirer of beauty, and coras above.

grown where other crops have failed, or perplexed, the lady put forth one little on ground unsuitable to put other crops foot, when the gallant sailor, with charin, from lateness, or being wet in Spring. acteristic impulsiveness, said, "That doctor rejoined, "Oh, yes, I'm used to When grown only for grain, it produces pretty foot, lady, should not be soiled sticking calves." better to sow as late as possible, and with the filth of this lane; wait for a have it ripen before severe frosts in the moment, and I will make you a path." Fall. Sown when chestnut trees are in | So, springing past her into a carpen- performed with the monkey near the

pays the cultivator for doing his work making her eyes as dazzling as they well and in proper season. If, there- could be. fore, the soil is very tough, filled with | Alas! our young sailor was perfectly roots of small bushes or the like, where charmed; what else would make him one good turn deserved another." impracticable to plough more than once, catch up and shoulder the plank, and it should be ploughed as deep and well follow the little witch through the streets as is possible, after which an amount of to her home, she twice performing the harrowing should be done sufficient to ceremony of "walking the plank," and wish for a machine with a feller?" infit a good seed bed before sowing the each time thanking him with one of her quired the clerk. "Sakes, no; don't seed. Almost any soil, if prepared with eloquent smiles? Presently our hero care and an application of a small saw the young lady trip up the marble amount of guano, phosphate, or well de- steps of a palace of a house, and disap- recently, was observed to leave a trail composed farm manure, will produce pear within its resewood entrance. For of sawdust behind her. If ladies will heavy crops, well repaying the culti- a full minute he stood looking at the wear such things to improve the shape vator for the extra expense.

To subdue a bush pasture, that it is away, disposed of his drawbridge, and are said to be the best. desired to break up, or land that has be- wended his path back to his ship. come foul with thistles, rushes, etc., this The next day he was astonished with is an excellent crop. It grows very rap- an order of promotion from the captain. idly, spreading its branches, takes the Poor Jack was speechless with amazelead of other plants, overshadowing ment. He had never dreamed of being them, and by keeping them in the shade exalted to the dignity of a second-mate's often subdues them, as well as by keep- office on board one of the most splendid ing the roots and sods moist, which ships that sailed out of the port of New ovating crop then it has no equal.

prominent position. Drawing a large ing alleys, on his return from sea he had portion of its nourishment from the air, purchased books and become quite a it returns more to the soil than it ex-student; but he expected years to interracts therefrom; decomposes rapidly, vene before his ambitious hopes could loosens the soil, thus rendering it more be realized. permeable to the heat, light, and moist- His superior officers looked upon him ure. These reasons, together with the with leniency, and gave him fair opfact of the straw being composed largely portunities to gather maritime knowlof lime, magnesia, potash, soda, phosedge. The handsome gentlemanly phoric and sulphuric acids, give it its young man acquired unusual favor in value as green manure. Its rapid ma- the eyes of the portly commander, Capturity especially adapts it for two crops tain Hume, who had first taken our in a season, thus admirably fitting the smart little black-eyed fellow, with his secret was, he replied," I have no secret

For ploughing in, it should be rolled cabin-boy. down and then ploughed under when in One night the young man, with all blossom. A small amount of seed-two the other officers, was invited to an en- ugliness to beauty, and the great curse or three pecks-will sow an acre, giving tertainment at the Captain's house. He to a great blessing. several tons of green straw, which is went, and to his astoni-breent, mounted quickly converted into food for succeed- the identical steps that two years before ing crops. When grown as a grain crop, the brightest vision he had ever seen fered amputation with the greatest coura similar quantity will stock an acre, passed over; a vision he had never forseed than that in good heart.

straw, when properly saved, is readily ladie," eaten, and as an occasional feed for cows, It was only a year from that time that ticles of human food. Its excellence for for the bright-eyed sailor,

dles, set on the buts, and the tops twist- to polite parlance, Mrs. Captain We'ls ened, and the buts spread a little, it will richest men in the Crescent City, and he much less waste of seed; the straw will "crossing the street." cure and dry out sooner and make bet ter fodder, the crop is sooner ready to be threshed or housed, and the grain will yield a much better quality of flour.

Buckwheat may be cut with the com- ditties. non grain cradle, or with the reaping machine; either, if the grain is well ri- dest eyes of all. ened and dry, will waste more or less. The better way is to cut it when there is a light dew on. If cut with a machine, one man should walk close to it, and when a suitable sized gavel is cut, take ple? Early in "the fall," it by the tops and place it on the buts, raising and letting it drop to even the When she is turned into a field. ends and straighten it up; the tops are secured as before. As soon as the crop is sufficiently cured it should be carted to the barn and threshed; a clear, somewhat airy day is the best time, as then it will thresh easier than at any other time. A peculiarity of this grain is, if in the least damp it is very difficult to THE value of this crop should insure thresh it clean; it is therefore best to been born than not to be born again.

FOR YOUTHFUL READERS.

ONE little act of politeness will somewhich often fails when following buck- the tide. Turning the corner of a much The Christian says, "Give me a good pearance in subsequent crops. This ob-jection is remedied with the hoe and from under the little chip hat, and the cultivator, by following with a hoed crop auburn curls hanging glossy and unconfined over her muslin dress, might Buckwheat may be advantageously tempt a curious or an admiring glance.

full blossom, it usually has ample time ter's shop opposite, he bargained for a door; and how much his little brother to perfect a crop. If sowed earlier, the plank-board that stood in the doorway, looks like him, to be sure." grain does not set or fill out as well, it and coming back to the smiling girl, requiring cool weather when fructifying who was just coquettish enough to acand ripening to give the greatest return cept the services of the handsome young from his father. " He treats me, said he, in grain. Late sown, it is apt to be cut sailor, he bridged the narrow black mournfully, "as if I was his son by down by frosts while yet in full flower. stream, and she tripped across with a another father and mother." Buckwheat, like all other crops, re- merry "thank you" and a reguish smile,

causes a rapid decomposition. As a ren- Orleans. He knew he was competent, for instead of spending his money for For green manuring it occupies a amusements, visiting theatres or bowl-

poor land requiring a larger quantity of gotten. Thump, thump, went his brave heart, as he was ushered into the great "None of your hypocritical tears, you For feeding, it is thought by many to parlor; and like a sledge-hammer it idle dog," said the master; "you know nearly equal Indian corn. A provender beat again, when Captain Hume brought of equal quantities of corn, buckwheat, forward his blue-eyed daughter, and and oats makes an excellent feed for with a pleasant smile said, "The young milch cows, for hogs, or other stock. lady once indebted to your politeness Corn and buckwheat, mixed in equal for a safe and dry walk home. quantities, is preferred by some for fat- His eyes were all ablaze, and his brown tening cattle to clear corn at the same checks flushed hotly, as the noble capprice. For laying hens there is no bet- tain sauntered away, leaving fair Grace ter grain than buckwheat; in short it is Hume at his aids. And in all that asa fine feed, either clear or mixed with sembly was not so handsome a couple other grain, for any kind of stock. The as the gallant sallor and the "pretty

cattle, or sheep, is valuable, having no the second-mate trod the quarter-deck, nafavorable effect, as claimed by some, second only in command, and part owner The various uses to which the grain is put with the captain, not only in his vessel, gives it its value; for domestic use it is but in the affections of his daughter, menced the question, "If you buy a made into flour, where it is extensively gentle Grace Hume, who had always cow for ten dollars"-when up came a used made into soft cakes and other ar- cherished respect, to say nothing of love, little hand. "What is it, Johnny?"

ment of the grain after cutting; instead ness toward his child had pleased the dollars the other day, and she was a of leaving it in the swath, as is often the captain, and though the youth knew it regular old scrab at that!"

the common grain cradie-exposed to So that now the old man has retired storms, etc., it should be raked the same from business, Henry Wells is Captain or next day into small bunches or bun- Wells, and Grace Hume is, according ed to secure in place; if properly even- In fact, our honest sailor is one of the stand quite a strong wind, and cure lowes, perhaps, the greater part of his without any injury to, and with very prosperity to his tact and politeness in

WIT AND HUMOR.

Modern "comic songs." Absurd-

THE eyes that never weep are the sad-A mow from a lady is welcome if she

strikes you agreeably. Ar what season did Eve eat the ap-

When does a cow become real estate?

THE fellow who sat down on a pin got up in the spur of the moment.

WHAT is the worst fare for a man to live on? War-fare.

FUNNY sounding drums - Conundrums-a good one is hard to beat, IT were better for a man never to have

A PERSON speaking of the social pow "Good-Morning, Jones; how does

thank you." Some antiquary wishes to know in whose possession is the chair on which Verbum sat?"

WHY are books the best friends? Beause when they bore you, you can shut

them up without offense An Emeralder, on admiring a beautiful cemetery, observed that he considered it a healthy place to beburied in.

A LITTLE girl, hearing it remarked that all people had once been children, "GIVE me a good thought to die on,"

SIDNEY SMITH defines English benevolence to be "a strong impulse on the

part of A, when he sees B in distress, to compel C to help him." "THAT decrepit old man going along G. there reminds me, Doctor, of that tooth

to extract." "Why so?" "Because he's in-firm." A poctor went to bleed a dandy,

How well he plays, for one so young!" said Mrs. Partington, as the organ-boy

An Irish lad complained, the other

HARRY TURN married his cousin of the same name. When interrogated as to why he did so, he replied, "That it had always been a maxim of his that

"I WANT a sewing-machine," said an JOHN E. FOX & CO., old lady, entering a shop. "Do you want any of your fellers about me."

AWFUL.-A lady in Cleveland, Ohio, door, and then with a big sigh turned of their limbs, those stuffed with hair

A PHILOSOPHER being asked of whom he had acquired so much knowledge, replied: "Of the blind, who do not lift their feet until they have first sounded, with their stick, the ground on which CHARLES H. MARPLE, they are going to tread."

An awfully curious bore, learning that young lady was going to the city, asked, "What motive takes you thither, my dear?" "I believe they call it a locomotive, sir," was the innocent reply. The intrusive stranger was extinguished.

A THEFFY young man married a osy young Irish girl, quite to the horror of his mother and sisters, but de fended himself by the following logic: 'If I marry an American girl I must have an Irish girl to take care of her, and I cannot afford to support both."

WHEN a lady once asked Turner, elebrated English painter, what his soil for a crop of Winter grain to follow, neat tarpaulin and tidy bundle, as his madam, but hard work." This is a secret that many never learn. Labor is the genius that changes the world from

LATOUR MAYBOURD lost his leg at age, he saw his servant crying, or pretending to cry, in a corner of the room. you are glad, for now you will only have one boot to clean instead of two."

A GENTLEMAN, who was remarkable at once for Bacchanalism devotion and remarkably large and startling eyes, was one evening the subject of conversation. The question appeared to be whether the gentleman in question wore upon his face any signs of his excesses, "I think so," said Jerold; I always know when he has been in his cups by the state of his saucers."

In a little town on the Ohio a lady teacher was examining a class of juveniles in mental arithmetic. She com "Why you can't buy no kind of a cow Hour depends largely upon the manage. His homely, but cornest act of poilte- for ten dollars; father sold one for sixty

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